MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

September 12, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution relating to

developing a plan for phasing

out older traffic signals

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.

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County Attorney

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez DATE: September 12, 2006 and Members, Board of County Commissioners SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15) County Attorney Please note any items checked. "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget **Budget** required Statement of fiscal impact required Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's

Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

report for public hearing

No committee review

| Approved | Mayor Agenda Item No | | 11(A)(15) |
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| Veto | | 09-12-06 | |
| Override | | | |

| RESOLUTION NO. | | | |
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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR PHASING OUT ALL OF THE OLDER TYPE TRAFFIC SIGNALS MOUNTED ON SPAN WIRES AND REPLACING THEM WITH THE NEWER TYPE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS MOUNTED ON MAST ARMS THAT ARE BETTER ABLE TO WITHSTAND HURRICANE FORCE WINDS

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2005, the County declared a State of Local Emergency for all of Miami-Dade County because of the threat posed by *Hurricane Wilma*; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2005, *Hurricane Wilma* impacted Miami-Dade County with severe weather conditions that blocked roadways, rendered virtually all traffic signals inoperable and left approximately 90% of residents and businesses without electrical power; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Miami-Dade County's traffic signals were inoperable because of a loss of electrical power; and

WHEREAS, the loss of virtually all of Miami-Dade County's traffic signals presented enormous challenges to emergency response personnel and residents in taking necessary actions to respond to the impact of the disaster; and

WHEREAS, strategies that assist in preventing the loss of traffic signals as a result of severe weather helps promote the health, safety and welfare of Miami-Dade County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is hereby directed to develop a plan for phasing out all of the older type traffic signals mounted on span wires and replacing them with the newer type of traffic signals mounted on mast arms that are better able to withstand hurricane force winds and to report back to the Board of County Commissioners.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
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Barbara J. Jordan
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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 12th day of September, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Eric A. Rodriguez